Transmission quality of NER DD Channel

2323. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the low transmission quality of the 24 hours North-Eastern Channel (DD13) when telecasted through cable in Guwahati, Jorhat, North Lakhimpur and other places;

(b) whether Doordarshan has done any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Doordarshan would make a survey and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that in some areas of Guwahati, Jorhat, North Lakhimpur and certain other places, reception quality of NE Channel (DD13) distributed through cable networks, is reported to be unsatisfactory, as the Cable operators have not used receiving dish antenna of proper size.

(b) to (d) Quality of telecast of NE Channel through cable networks is being monitored by Doordarshan officers at various places and surveys in this regard are also conducted from time to time. Doordarshan is making efforts to persuade the cable operators to use dish antenna of appropriate size and adhere to the provisions of Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act.

Funds for in-house programmes of NER Doordarshan

2324. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fund allocated for making in-house programmes in Doordarshan Kendras of North-East in the current year is very negligible in comparison to the fund allocated for making programmes by the outside producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and